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Absorption of employees of the Tirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanams at Tiruvallur

* 2484 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of employees working in Tirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanams Offices, at Tiruvallur, who have been now absorbed in Government Departments; and

(*b*) whether any of them were thrown out of employment for want of vacancies?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) One upper division clerk, designated as Rent Suit Agent and one attender were working in the (T.T.D) Tirumalai-Tirupathi Devasthanam Estate office at Tiruvallur. Both of them were absorbed in the Revenue Department.

(*b*) No, Sir.

Eviction of Harijans from salt pans in Mudukukadu

* 2488 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Jagannathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the land in R.S. No. 917, Mudukukadu, Tuticorin, used by Harijans for the manufacture of salt for the last 40 years, has been taken away by the Government;

(*b*) to whom the Government have assigned that land for the manufacture of salt; and

(*c*) the reason for taking away that land from the Harijans and giving it to others?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The land belongs to the Government of India. A portion of it measuring about 55 acres was leased by the Salt Department to the Tuticorin Co-operative Salt Production Society. Some Harijans who unauthorisedly occupied this portion by forming salt pans were evicted by the Salt Department.

The control of this area is under the Central Government.

11–10 a.m. SRI M. PALANIYANDI : கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்லும் காலத்தில் ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்த நிலத்தைப் பிடுங்கி கோவாபரேடிவ் சொஸைடிக்குக் கொடுத்திருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். ஹரிஜனங்கள் அந்த நிலங்களை பல ஆண்டுகளாக அனுபவித்து வருகிறார்கள். ஏன் அந்த நிலங்களைப் பிடுங்கி சொஸைடிக்குக்கொடுக்கவேண்டும் ? முதல் சலுகை தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட மக்களுக்குத்தானே கொடுக்கவேண்டும். அப்படியிருக்கும்போது இந்த நிலத்தையும் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கே வழங்கவேண்டும் என்று திரும்பவும் இந்தச் சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்யுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The difficulty is that this land is under the control of the Central Government. In order to have effective control over the production of salt, they want